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JOTTINGS
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What becomes of liberty?- Italian press attacking bitterly the American press - Y.M.C.A. ordered dissolved in Greece - where do eminent statisticians get figures? - United States government has recently ordered 4,500,000 identification tags for soldiers - Colgate University installing boxing "as a contribution to national defense". . . 5

"Not crowns and thrones, but men!" - Pickering as scared in 1808 as some Americans today - What pampered pets these baseball players are! - Vichy government living up to the best Nazi standards. 23

This business of sanctifying war - So Mr. Willkie agrees with Colonel Lindbergh that England is out of it! - We fool ourselves - The United States being lured into this war like a moth - There are still Americans who can't sleep o' nights for fear of Hitler's invading America - High among Hitler's triumphs must be rated the conquest of Italy - "*Which* Great War?" 59

American standard of living - minister refers to certain preachers as "the talcum-powder boys whose gospel is guaranteed not to irritate the skin of sensitive parishioners." - Quakers have more than three hundred years of steadfast witnessing behind them - two can play at this game of war with equal efficiency and effrontery - an idea for winning the war - German figures as fantastic one way as Russian figures are the other. 126

Disreputable old plea of war necessity - Only 100 soldiers were killed in the recent war maneuvers - President and Secretary of the Christian Pacifist Society of New Zealand and eight other members serving prison sentences of from three to six months for holding public meetings in behalf of peace - There *is* no religious press in Russia! - Jackson (Mississippi) *Daily News*: "The real Christian leaders. .owe it as a duty..to declare that the namby-pamby,putty-faced gentry who proclaim the damnable doctrines of peace at any price..are not authentic spokesmen for Christianity." - The symbol "V" is a dangerous one. It stands for "victory" but also for "Versailles" and "vengeance.". 143

The right of war! - "canned sermon" for use on Civilian Defense Sunday - no mention of war or of Hitler at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn - "You can't do business with Hitler" - how times do change - "The Church...has become the concubine of Caesar". 161

Overheard..here is an open-hearted spirit of religion - a friend writes me from Sweden: "Russia has been the great menace over here. Now we have Great Britain and U.S.A. helping Russia" - there remain probably but a few precious weeks to get refugees out of Europe - release of Jawaharlal Nehru and his associates from prison - celebration of the 150th anniversary of the American Bill of Rights within the week of entrance into war - Miss Jeannette Rankin stands alone to cast her vote against war. 179

Government ban on golf balls - we may as well keep calm - Lewis Browne, Sinclair Lewis, Upton Sinclair a perfect combination - if bombers could destroy military objectives with accuracy with which according to enemy they destroy churches and hospitals, this war would soon be over - Hitler is purging his generals - religious press in this country almost unanimously "presenting arms". 198

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